# PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q76503

Kenji DATE, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/617,872

Group Art Unit: 1775

Confirmation No.: 3837

Examiner: XU, LING X

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For:

POROUS SINTERED METAL AND FILTER THEREOF, AND METHOD FOR

PRODUCING POROUS SINTERED METAL

### AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

#### MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding rejection of August 25, 2004, once extended to December 25, 2004, making response due December 27, 2004 (December 25, 2004 being a Holiday and the USPTO was closed) please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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